

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Working Session
Minutes of March 26, 2008

Chairman McArdle called the meeting to order at 5:06PM. Board members present in addition to Chairman McArdle were Richard Gandt, Steve Clark, Richard Carlson and Boyd Jackson. Of the Selectmen's staff, Town Administrator Virginia Wilder, and Board Secretary Donna Rich, were in attendance.

Chairman McArdle opened the meeting stating that this meeting is for the purpose of reviewing the DRAFT 2008 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Selectman Clark made a motion to remove **ARTICLE THIRTY-SIXTH, TOPSFIELD RAIL TRAIL** Seconded by Selectman Carlson; so voted 3-1-1, Chairman McArdle abstained.

ARTICLE THIRTY-SIXTH: To see if the Town will vote to approve a Topsfield Rail Trail running on the former rail line from the Wenham town line to the Boxford town line, established piecemeal as various segments of the trail become available to the Town, by lease or otherwise and whether or not such trail is part of a Boston to New Hampshire bike trail; such rail trail to be constructed without the use of town appropriated funds and under the supervision of a Rail Trail Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Clark made a motion stating that the Board of Selectmen support and approve the Rail Trail running on the former rail line from the Wenham town line to the Boxford town line, Selectman Gandt seconded; so voted 5-0.

Petitions, in general, are to be at the end of the Warrant; therefore, the following articles will be moved to the end of the Warrant.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY (PETITION), ARTICLE TWENTY-THIRD: to see if the Town will vote to consider purchasing the property at 59 Main Street (Dr. Lois Roger's house), and the

LITTER BYLAW (PETITION), ARTICLE THIRTY-NINTH: Littering within the Town of Topsfield is prohibited. Any person or business caught disposing of any type of waste on public or private property will be subject to a fine. Each item of waste disposed of shall constitute a separate violation. The fine shall be first offense: \$100, second offense: \$200, third and each successive offense: \$300. Each day on which a violation exists after notice shall be deemed a separate violation of this section.

The provisions of this Bylaw may be enforced by any Police Officer of the Town of Topsfield, or other enforcing authority specifically authorized by law, rule or regulation, including but not limited to enforcement by non-criminal disposition pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40 §21D.

Article Twenty-Sixth is to be changed to read: CANINE At Large

Warrants: The Selectmen signed and approved warrants in the amount of **\$ 717,528.86** . The breakdown is as follows:

Warrant #FY08:	
077T	\$ 268,486.56
078	\$ 449,042.30

At 06:37 PM, Selectman Carlson entertained a motion to adjourn, Chairman McArdle seconded the motion; so voted: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rich, Secretary
Selectmen's Office

Approved as written at the April 28, 2008 Board of Selectmen's meeting.